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Application No.

10/663,839

Examiner

ANDREW WENDELL

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/28/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5 and 9-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 3, the prior art of record, Harel (US 6,128,472) teaches a radio communication system having base stations (Fig. 3) and mobile stations 106 (Fig. 1), to perform multicast communication (Col. 2 line 62-Col. 3 line 9), wherein mobile stations each comprises a response signal transmitter configured to transmit a response signal including a group ID identifying a multicast group to the base station (Col. 4 lines 15-25), the response signal transmitted from each of the mobile stations in response to a control signal for multicast group (Col. 4 lines 15-25); and the base station comprises a response signal transmitter configured to transmit to the controller, one response signal selected from a plurality of response signals transmitted from mobile stations, the plurality of response signal including a same group ID identifying a same multicast group to which the mobile stations are requesting to join (Col. 2 line 62-Col. 3 line 9 and Col. 4 line 36-Col. 5 line 12, one message out of a plurality messages is transmitted to a controller).

Kall (US 7,149,195) teaches a base station comprises (Col. 4 line 9, Base Station Controller) a response signal counter configured to count the number of response signals including a same group ID identifying a same multicast group (Col. 4 lines 8-19, "when the number of mobile stations within a particular cell exceeds a threshold number..."); a judger configured to judge whether a counted number of response signals exceeds a predetermined number (Col. 4 lines 8-19,

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"when the number of mobile stations within a particular cell exceeds a threshold number..."); and a response signal transmitter configured to transmit a single response signal including information that the counted number of response signals exceeds the predetermined number, or the counted number of response signals, when the counted number of response signals exceeds the predetermined number (Col. 4 lines 8-19, after the threshold is met RANcast is implemented therefore a message had to be sent that informed of the counted number of response signals is more than the predetermined number).

The prior art of record fails to teach a radio communication system performing multicast communication, wherein mobile stations each comprise a response signal transmitter configured to transmit a response signal including a group ID identifying a multicast group to a base station, the response signal transmitted from each of the mobile stations in response to a control signal for multicast group; and a base station comprises a response signal counter configured to count a number of response signals including a same group ID identifying a same multicast group; a judger configured to judge whether a counted number of response signals exceeds a configurable predetermined number that is a configurable variable; and a response signal transmitter configured to transmit a single response signal including information that the counted number of response signals exceeds the configurable predetermined number, or the counted number of response signals, when the counted number of response signals exceeds the configurable predetermined number.

The prior art of record fails to teach the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 1 and 12 and 3, 5, 11, and 13.

Regarding claims 9 and 10, Harel teaches a receiver 112 (Fig. 3) configured to receive a single response signal transmitted from at least one base station, the single response signal including a same group ID identifying a same multicast group to which mobile stations are requesting to join (Col. 4 line 15-Col. 5 line 12); an extractor 112 (Fig. 3) configured to extract the response signals from the single response signal.

Kall teaches a radio network controller 36 (Fig. 1) a receiver configured to receive a single response signals transmitted from base stations, the single response signal including a same group ID identifying a same multicast group to which the mobile stations are requesting to join (Col. 5 line 65-Col. 6 line 19) and including information that a counted number of received response signals exceeds a predetermined number (Col. 4 lines 8-19); an extractor configured to extract the counted number of response signals from the single response signal (Col. 4 lines 8-19); and a radio controller 36 (Fig. 1) configured to perform delivery control on the mobile stations joining in the same multicast group using a common circuit common to the mobile stations when the counted number of response signals exceeds the predetermined number, and to perform delivery control using respective individual circuits of the mobile stations when the counted number of response signals is not extracted from the single response signal (Col. 4 lines 8-19 and Col. 5 line 65-Col. 6 line 19, by is implementing

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RANcast therefore a message had to be sent that informed of the counted number of response signals is more than the predetermined number).

The prior art of record fails to teach a radio network controller supporting multicast communication, the radio network controller comprising a receiver configured to receive a single response signal transmitted from at least one base station, the single response signal including a same group ID identifying a same multicast group to which mobile stations are requesting to join, and including a counted number of response signals; an extractor configured to extract the counted number of response signals from the single response signal; and a radio controller configured to perform delivery control on the mobile stations joining in the same multicast group using a common circuit common to the mobile stations when the counted number of response signals exceeds a configurable predetermined number that is a configurable variable, and to perform delivery control using respective individual circuits of the mobile stations when the counted number of response signals is not extracted from the single response signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Xu discloses a multicast transmission in a cellular network. Mauney discloses an enhanced wireless handset. Okanoue discloses a network system and method of controlling multicast group participation of mobile host. Kinnunen discloses allocating speech items to mobile units communicating on direct mode channel.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW WENDELL whose telephone number is (571)272-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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